sword on horseback, which he bravely answeied and wounded his enemy in two places, and would ha\ e biought him m pnsoner, had he not been rescued by his fellows The Loid Geneial the same day invited the three Colonels of the SwiUers and there was general drinking of healths till some of them were sick and asleep After dinner the General's party went out and came near a gate of the town where Vilhers, the Govcrnoi of Dieppe, was quartered, and it happened that lie was theie with some twenty horse Seeing the General's paity he dicw out ceitain shot and so began to come up the hill, but the General knowing who he was called to him and said he would speak with him at a blow with a sword or pistol, but he answered nothing except the shot of four or five harquebus On the *jih* our horsemen brought in some sixty kine, as well as sheep and swme There carne too a soldier from the Governor of Dieppe, sent from his master to the General, who reported that they had great desire to force the English quarter There was a hot skirmish both of horse and foot near the castle of St Katherme, where the people of the town stood on the bulwarks of the town, beholding as if it had been a triumph or a sport

THE GOVERNOR'S CHALLENGE

On the gth a trumpet of one Jerpenville being sent into the town, Villiers the Governor desired him to signify to the Lord General that whereas he had sent unto Chevaliei Pickard to break a pike with him, he would the next day bring him into the field, either armed or in his doublet, to answer his challenge, and if he listed he would bring sixteen of his gentlemen against sixteen of the General's

To this the Earl of Essex answered in writing, that at his first

coming into France he was occasioned to send his drums thither, understanding that the Chevalier Pickard was in the town, to tell him that he was sorry for old acquaintance that he should persist in so bad an action and against so brave a King* But since it were so, he would be glad to find him at the head of his troop with a pike And he was to know that he was a General of an army from an absolute Prince in which there were many cheva-liers, Pickard's equal at least Besides, that if he or any others had desire to find him, all those of his could justify that the